made in the Ayurveda budget for strengthening the compounding staff in the hospital.

Public Health.—Government have recently notified both primary and re-vaccination compulsory in all the *karas* of the State except in the Devicolam District. A thorough and intensive vaccination campaign was accordingly started in Kumbham last, both in rural and urban areas. The scheme of the campaign in rural areas is to conduct intensive vaccination in all the 9 Sanitary Circles of the State, taking one by one, the pakuthies of the taluks falling within the nine circles. The Medical Officer of Health attached to the Public Health department is in charge of the campaign. For the conduct of the campaign the existing permanent staff of Circle Officers and Vaccinators has been strengthened by the appointment of a temporary staff of nine Sanitary Inspectors. In urban areas, the Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors and Vaccinators attached to each Municipality form the campaign staff. To enlist the co-operation of the people and to educate them, a regular propaganda work is also being conducted through the medium of cinema, chart and lantern lectures, wall-posters, leaflets and other agencies. Out of the 402 pakuthies comprised in the nine Sanitary Circles of the State, the compaign work has already been completed in 59 pakuthies and it is in rapid progress in 54 pakuthies. The total number of vaccination cases performed in the rural areas alone since the inauguration of the compaign in Kumbham last up to the end of Edavam last is about 7 lakhs. The campaign is to be continued next year, for which provision has been made in the budget.

The Public Health Laboratory, co-ordinating the Bacteriological Laboratory, the Vaccine Depot and the Chemical Examiner's Office was organised in Kanni last. Though the Laboratory started work only very recently, it has already begun to justify its existence by the useful work turned out in the short period of less than a year. The various diagnostic tests and vaccine productions show a three to five fold increase. The amount of typhoid vaccine produced during the current year is about five times that in previous years and it has been possible to make a reduction of 75 per cent in the price of the vaccine, besides supplying it free of cost to the poor, in order to encourage its popular use. In fact, it was the vaccine produced at the Public Health Laboratory that was successfully used for combating the typhoid epidemic that broke out in Trivandrum a few months back. The Public Analyst has returned after training in Bangalore and he will be engaged in the analysis of all common articles of food found in this country. If it should be possible for the Laboratory to show the best results, it is necessary that there should be an up-to-date building for housing the different branches of the Laboratory. Provision has therefore been made in the P. W. D. budget for the construction of a suitable building for the purpose.

Provision has also been made in the Public Health budget for the appointment of an Assistant Surgeon for the Bacteriological branch of the Public Health Laboratory for testing the purity of vaccines and for

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